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Amendments to the claims

Please cancel claim 2 without prejudice.

Please amend claims 1, 3, 4 and 7-11 as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) In a video recording device, a method for playback at a speed faster than normal playback speed for programming originating from film without loss of program information, comprising the steps of:

identifying during playback repeated image information indicative of film original material; and,

selectively dropping ones of said identified repeated image information to increase a playback speed of said programming originating from film,

wherein a number of the selectively dropped ones of said identified repeated image information is determined directly responsive to a user input specifying non-speed time information or an integer representing which occurrence of a same repeated image information is to be dropped.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 1, further comprising the step of automatically calculating a rate at which said repeated image information must be dropped responsive to a the user input specifying the non-speed time information.

4. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein said user input specifying the non-speed time information identifies a desired time for completion of playback of a recorded presentation.

5. (Original) The method according to claim 3, further comprising the step of selectively dropping said repeated image information at said rate that has been automatically calculated.

6. (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein said repeated image information comprises redundant field pictures.

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7. (Currently Amended) A digital video recorder facilitating playback of programming originating from film at a speed greater than normal playback speed, comprising:

a digital video storage medium containing a record having programming originating from film;

a decoder for decoding said record to form an uncompressed picture signal; and,

a display processor receiving and formatting said uncompressed picture signal for a television display rate, controlling said formatting to selectively drop redundant field pictures and increase said playback speed of said programming originating from film, wherein a number of said redundant field pictures that are dropped is determined directly responsive to a user input specifying non-speed time information or an integer representing which occurrence of a same redundant field is to be dropped.

8. (Currently Amended) The digital video recorder according to claim 7, wherein said display processor formats said uncompressed picture signal for television display by controllably duplicating pictures within said uncompressed picture signal to produce a television picture display rate.

9. (Currently Amended) The digital video recorder according to claim 7, wherein a controller is responsive to a the user input for selectively controlling a the number of said redundant field pictures that are dropped by said display processor.

10. (Currently Amended) The digital video recorder according to claim 7, wherein a controller automatically calculates the rate at which said redundant field pictures must be dropped responsive to a the user input specifying the non-speed time information.

11. (Currently Amended) The digital video recorder according to claim 10, wherein said user input specifying the non-speed time information identifies a desired time for completion of said presentation.

12. (Original) The digital video recorder according to claim 10, wherein said display processor selectively drops said redundant field pictures at said rate that has been automatically calculated.

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